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If necessary repairs aren't made to the Downtown Eastside's Regent Hotel by Nov. 24, its fed-up tenants will seek an unprecedented injunction in British Columbia court. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Police seeking man in missing student case

PERSON OF INTEREST

Japanese woman last seen on Sept. 7

Wanyee Li
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Burnaby RCMP are looking to speak with this man. CONTRIBUTED

Burnaby RCMP are asking the public for help identifying a man seen walking with missing Japanese ESL student Natsumi Kogawa in surveillance camera footage.

Kogawa, 30, has been missing for nearly three weeks. She was last seen in her Burnaby residence on Sept. 7 and reported missing by her boyfriend on Sept 12. Police have released two photos from surveillance camera footage that show Kogawa walking with a man carrying a duffle bag and backpack in downtown Vancouver one day after she was reportedly last seen.

The footage was taken Sept. 8 at 1:27 p.m. from a camera near Seymour and Hastings Street, according to police.

"Investigators would like to identify and speak with this person of interest who is seen walking with Ms. Kogawa," said Sgt. Derek Thibodeau, with Burnaby RCMP.

Anyone with information about the man is asked to contact Burnaby RCMP at 604-294-7922 and request tip line extension 5164, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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First Nations urge Royals

The Royals in Canada

Leaders want them to advocate for reconciliation

First Nations leaders have urged the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to encourage the British Columbia and federal governments to take their issues seriously, marking the second straight day of the royal tour that indigenous leaders expressed frustration.

Chief John Kruger of the Penticton Indian Band spoke directly to Prince William and Kate during an event at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus on Tuesday, urging them to advocate for reconciliation for Aboriginal Peoples.

"True reconciliation involves the honour of the Crown, the federal government, provincial government and the indigenous people of this land."

Kruger was standing in for Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, who has boycotted royal events. His members, which represents more than half of the 203 First Nations in the province, voted that he should not attend reconciliation events with the royals.

Grand Chief Ed John of the First Nation Summit filled in for Phillip at the Black Rod Ceremony in Victoria on Monday and used his time at the podium to make an even stronger plea.

John said the status quo hasn't served indigenous peoples well as he noted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has determined there was cultural genocide against his people.

"The current Crown approaches of deny and delay cannot continue. We cannot hope that our future means more litigation or protests on the land, as we see now."

He said when Canada became a country it wrongly pursued laws to proselytize indigenous people to become Christians with the residential schools.

"The purpose of these schools was to kill the Indian in the child. The impacts, including indigenous language loss, have been deep, and now intergenerational."

During the ceremony, Prince William added a ring of reconciliation to the Black Rod, which is used in the legislature when the Queen or her provincial representative is present.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge take part in the taste of British Columbia at Mission Hill Winery in Kelowna, Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **True reconciliation involves the honour of the Crown ...**
>
> Chief John Kruger

The ring is meant to represent the connection between the Crown, indigenous peoples and all British Columbians.

John said the reconciliation ring should guide future relationships between the Crown, governments and Aboriginal Peoples.

Marilyn Slett, Coastal First Nations president and Heiltsuk chief, said the royal visit to her community of Bella Bella on Monday represented an opportunity to continuing relationship building with the governments of Canada and B.C.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrived in Kelowna on Tuesday for a tour of the city and a chance to sample British Columbia's culinary scene.

The couple unveiled a plaque marking the 10th anniversary of the University of B.C. Okanagan campus, watch a demonstration by the women's volleyball team and met with students.

They also stopped at the Mission Hill Family Estate to view the vineyard and learn about the province's agrifood sector at the Taste of British Columbia Festival.

They are spending Wednesday in Yukon.

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LNG

Project gets conditional approval

The federal government gave conditional approval Tuesday to the massive Pacific NorthWest LNG project planned for British Columbia's northwest coast.

Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr and Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc travelled to Richmond to announce their government's acceptance of what is expected to be one of the largest infrastructure investments in Canadian history.

There are 190 legally binding conditions attached to the approval, including for the first time the imposition of a condition placing a maximum cap on greenhouse gas emissions, McKenna said. "This project was subject to a rigorous environmental assessment and today's announcement reflects this commitment," she told a news conference, which was interrupted by a heckler as the ministers spoke outdoors on the waterfront near Vancouver's airport.

The Petronas-led $36-billion liquefied natural gas project on Lelu Island near Prince Rupert, B.C., would ship 19 million tonnes a year of liquefied gas to markets in Asia while pumping more than five million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually into the atmosphere. That would make it one the largest single greenhouse gas emitters in Canada, according to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

The government's conditional approval sets the table for an autumn of more crucial decisions on a national climate change plan and energy sector infrastructure.

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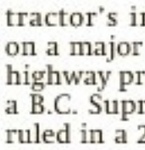
B.C.'s ex-Port Mann rep headed KPMG review of 'invoicing'

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Senior partner oversaw review of expenses he'd earlier handled



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Some might say the $3.3-billion Port Mann Bridge between Surrey and Coquitlam is a bridge over troubled water.

Touted by B.C. as "the largest transportation infrastructure project in British Columbia's history," it cost significantly more than its original $2.4-billion "fixed-price" contract.

The project's proverbial waters are being troubled again by questions about an accounting firm partner who oversaw a review into the Port Mann's "invoicing process" — a process he'd overseen months earlier in a previous job for the Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp.), the Crown corporation B.C. created to implement the Port Mann/Highway 1 project, according to court documents.

In September 2009, KPMG was hired to "review a contractor's invoicing process on a major British Columbia highway project" of TI Corp., a B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled in a 2012 decision in a KPMG contractor's wrongful dismissal case.

In the two weeks between the project contract's signing on March 17, 2009 and TI Corp.'s March 31 year-end, it spent $97.9 million.

"The $98 million paid in March 2009 was based on requirements of the Design Build contract with Kiewit Flatiron," said TI Corp. spokesman Greg Johnson in an email, who told Metro the "payment went towards commencement of design, pre-purchase of materials and other work such as a pile load testing."

He said B.C.'s auditor general audits the Crown corporation's annual financial statements.

Metro was unable to independently confirm which Port Mann "invoicing process" KPMG reviewed, nor the review's outcome.

The Port Mann Bridge between Surrey and Coquitlam cost taxpayers $3.3 billion, significantly more than its original $2.4-billion "fixed-price" contract. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

> **Anybody reading that would be shocked by it. It's extremely worrying and does speak to the real lack of oversight.**
> Claire Travena, B.C. NDP transportation critic

But the Supreme Court ruling did confirm that the senior KPMG partner tasked with overseeing the review was engineer Gary Webster, head of KPMG's Global Infrastructure and Projects Group.

"Gary Webster, a KPMG partner, had oversight over the project," the judge noted.

Webster had moved to KPMG just a month earlier from CH2M Hill where he was the private-sector contractor TI Corp. hired to oversee taxpayers' expenses on the bridge in the first place, according to his LinkedIn resumé.

He's named as the Authority's Representative in the contract between TI Corp. and partners Kiewit and Flatiron: "Authority's Representative means Gary A. Webster," his roles listed as: "monitor the Project, and the Constructor's performance … including the system of inspection, testing, surveys, certification, review and audits."

Webster did not respond to interview requests, and a KPMG spokesperson declined comment from him or the company due to "client confidentiality."

There is no suggestion that Webster, KPMG, Flatiron or Kiewit did anything improper related to the Port Mann invoicing process, nor the $98-million spent.

However, the New Democrats and Integrity BC said Webster's dual roles should set off alarms about the province essentially privatizing the oversight of taxpayer funds for its megaprojects.

"When we see the person in charge of making all the key decisions … ending up overseeing a review of those decisions, that is highly irregular," said Integrity BC executive director Dermod Travis in a phone interview.

NDP transportation critic Claire Travena said B.C.'s practice of having private-sector contractors oversee taxpayer spending is "extremely worrying" and called for an independent review.

The province's transportation minister declined an interview request.

Spokeswoman Kate Mukasa told Metro the province is "committed to transparency and accountability" and that TI Corp. "continues to account for its ongoing operations," she said in an email.

Flatiron could not be reached Tuesday; Kiewit declined an interview request, directing Metro to TI Corp.

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MLA wants more auditors looking at real estate

HOUSING MARKET

Eby: Owners of homes worth millions report scanty incomes

Jen St. Denis
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NDP MLA David Eby is calling on the B.C. government to hire more tax auditors to examine the Metro Vancouver phenomenon of homeowners who report poverty-level incomes, but own homes worth millions.

Eby presented his findings of a land title search he recently did of 250 properties between 2012 and 2016 in the Mackenzie Heights area, a neighbourhood sandwiched between Dunbar and Kerrisdale on Vancouver's Westside.

The neighbourhood was identified as having a high number of multimillion-dollar homes with very low incomes through an analysis of census data done by Jens von Bergmann, a Vancouver-based data analyst.

Out of the 250 properties — all in the $1.5-million to $5-million range — the owners of 26 of the homes identified their occupation as homemaker, while another five said they were students. The land titles also showed one $2.3-million home registered to a server, with property taxes of $10,000 a year, while another home worth $1.2 million belongs to a casino dealer.

"I can't say that anyone has done anything improper here," Eby said. "The question I have is, where is the money coming from? Because students and homemakers, waitresses, by definition, have very low or no incomes."

All of the homes Eby identified were owned by people with Chinese names, but he emphasized he and his staff did not pull the records based on ethnicity.

"We are pulling (the records) based on whether people identify themselves as students or homemakers or others with identifiably low income," he said. "I think that the issue is not the origin of the name, the issue is lax tax enforcement.

"There are many hardworking Chinese families, either new immigrants or long-time residents of Metro Vancouver, and I would hate for the message to come out of this be that there is some type of culturally specific issue."

In response to several media investigations showing specific examples of tax evasion in real estate, both the province and the Canada Revenue Agency have promised to hire additional auditors to focus on Metro Vancouver's real estate market.

"We're told there are eight auditors either being hired or in the process of being hired at the (B.C.) Ministry of Finance ... Revenue Canada says they're bringing 50 auditors in to the entire lower mainland," Eby said.

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BURNABY

Residents vow to fight pipeline 'to the end'

More than 100 Burnaby residents are expected to attend a town hall Wednesday against Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

The meeting, organized by the Burnaby Residents Opposed to Kinder Morgan Expansion (BROKE), will hear from guest speakers from First Nations, activists, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the City of Burnaby's engineering and fire departments as Friday's deadline for public input to the federal government's ministerial panel on the $6.8-billion project approaches.

But the last opportunity for public input in the process that has spanned several years won't mark to end of Karl Perrin's opposition to expansion. Not with the federal government expected to make its final decision on the project by Dec. 19.

"I've been fighting it since our second meeting of BROKE four years ago," said Perrin, a spokesperson for the group. "We're going to be fighting this right to the end. We met with Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan last June and, as he says, if it's approved in December then we go to the end game ... bodies in front of bulldozers and so on."

If approved, the expansion would increase oil tanker traffic through the Burrard Inlet sevenfold and cut through many residents' properties in Burnaby.

Despite opposition from many First Nations and Metro Vancouver municipalities, including Vancouver and Burnaby, the National Energy Board endorsed the project. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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The Regent Hotel at 160 East Hastings St. Residents claim the building lacks heat, hot water, a regularly working elevator and a safe fire escape. They also claim the building's façade is crumbling, its roof leaks and that the Regent is chronically infested with rats. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Tenants set ultimatum for myriad repairs

COURTS

Regent Hotel's issues putting 'lives at risk,' lawyer says

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Angry tenants of a rundown Downtown Eastside building will seek a court injunction for repairs if a laundry list of issues isn't fixed by November.

The residents of the Regent Hotel (160 East Hastings St.) allege in court submissions filed against their landlords Parkash, Pal, Gurdyal and Kirin Sahota and the City of Vancouver that the single resident occupancy (SRO) hotel lacks heat, hot water, a regularly working elevator and a safe fire escape.

They also claim the building's façade is crumbling, its roof leaks and that the Regent is chronically infested with rats.

Lawyer Jason Gratl (representing resident Jerald Jack Gates and others) claims the Sahotas have not made necessary repairs and the City of Vancouver has failed to enforce its Standards of Maintenance Bylaws even after the residents filed a class-action lawsuit in August.

If the repairs aren't made by Nov. 24, the residents will file for a court injunction forcing the owners to pay the Supreme Court of British Columbia and allowing tenants to make the repairs themselves, Gratl informed the City of Vancouver in a letter sent Sept. 24.

It would mark the first time tenants in B.C. have ever sought an injunction against their landlord to pay for repairs.

"It's never been tried but this is a remedy of last resort," Gratl told Metro. "Having been forsaken by the City of Vancouver, which evidently believes that some people are not entitled to accommodation fit for human habitation, they're forced to go to court as a form of last resort."

Gratl said his client has been without proper heat or hot water "for a long time" and that repeated elevator failures and a broken fire escape put residents' "very lives at risk."

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> Lawyer Jason Gratl

The Sahotas have been accused of poorly maintaining several of the SRO hotels they own in the DTES over the years, but Gratl lays the blame for the ongoing issues at the Regent at the city's feet.

"Frankly, the problem is a result of the City of Vancouver taking a laissez-faire approach to maintenance of the SROs in the DTES," he said.

No one at the city was made available to comment on the story when requested by Metro.

However, in a statement, a city spokesperson said it does "not ignore health and safety issues" and that it is waiting for the result of building envelope and structural reports for the Regent before taking "appropriate action."

"The city has a long history with the owners, and our inspection staff are in their buildings at a minimum once every two weeks, and deadlines are set and violations are often sent for prosecution," the statement reads.

The City of Vancouver statement dismissed many of the issues alleged by tenants in their lawsuit.

"Although elevators are provincially regulated, the last time the city inspected the elevator at the Regent, it was operating," the statement continues. "Further, the fire escape was also recently inspected and the city determined that it is not imminently unsafe. The city has also inspected the water boiler, and the water temperature was at acceptable standards."

Given the city's response to the residents' lawsuit, Gratl said they will "certainly" forge ahead with the injunction if the issues aren't addressed by their Nov. 24 ultimatum.

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REPORT

Real estate bubble worst in world

When it comes to overpriced real estate, Vancouver's "bubble risk" is unmatched on the planet, according to a report by Swiss bank UBS.

The rise in Vancouver's average housing prices compared with the growth in average wages, rents and other economic factors make it the most likely to experience a sudden downward correction compared with 17 other large cities around the globe, according to the UBS Global Real Estate Bubble Index released this week.

The report also warned that investors are less likely to see growth in property value in high "bubble risk" cities.

Jon Woloshin, strategist at UBS Wealth Management Americas, said the report doesn't mean Vancouver is likely to experience a home price correction like the U.S. housing crisis that contributed to the 2008-09 recession. Rather, it's meant as a cautionary signal for potential real estate investors.

"Based on the different criteria that were factored into all these major markets, as we sit here today, Vancouver on a risk-reward basis scored the lowest, which is why it's at the top," he explained.

He added that the province's move to control the city's overheated housing market by imposing a 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers of homes in Metro Vancouver as of Aug. 2 could reduce its bubble risk rating.

The UBS report was based on Vancouver data up to last spring, before the foreign buyers' tax was implemented.

The report places Vancouver ahead of London thanks to prices that it says have risen by 25 per cent since the end of 2014. Last year, in its first such report, UBS rated Vancouver fourth behind London, Hong Kong and Sydney, in that order. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jenna Li, a grade 12 Gladstone student, was one of hundreds of students and parents who attended Monday's school board meeting. WANYEE LI/METRO

Schools face closure

EDUCATION

Board asks for public input on situation

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver School Board announced Tuesday it will go ahead with its consultation process for the 11 schools on the potential closure list.

People can provide feedback online, at a school-specific consultation session, or at one of three district-wide town halls before school trustees make a final decision in December.

"It is important that we hear from as many voices as we can," said Vancouver School Board chair Mike Lombardi.

More details about sessions for each school will be available Oct. 1, he said. People who wish to speak at the town hall meetings should also register ahead of time, he added.

People will be able to provide feedback on VSB's website starting Oct. 12.

Staff will include feedback gathered during the consultation process in a report presented to the board on Dec. 8. Trustees will then take a final vote on whether to proceed with any school closures Dec. 12.

But trustees may have new information from its own staff as well as city staff before that vote happens.

TOWN HALLS

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- Oct. 23, Gladstone Secondary School
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Lynn Lake, Man., is hoping Americans down in the Trumps may want to move north. CONTRIBUTED

Americans planning to flee the United States after the presidential election now have an earnest invitation to relocate north — far north to Lynn Lake, Man.

After presidential hopefuls Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton traded barbs in a highly publicized debate Monday night, the little town about 1,000 kilometres north of Winnipeg dropped the mic.

"We may have a place for you here," read the tweet from the Town of Lynn Lake's official Twitter account on Tuesday morning.

And, according to the town's chief administrative officer "it's completely serious."

"Granted, there is some tongue-in-cheekedness, but it's completely serious actually," said Ric Stryde. "We have an absolute lack of certified, red-seal tradespeople in town and we have a lot to offer."

He explained that in terms of quality of life and access to the great outdoors, Lynn Lake is hard to match. But the seriousness of the appeal, does come from a legitimate need for skilled tradespeople.

The town office had around a dozen "Make Lynn Lake Great Again" hats made to borrow Donald Trump's catchy slogan and embody the idea that, with an influx of people, the town could be revitalized.

Today, its population is around 700. But not long ago, as recent as 1996, it was greater than 1,000 inhabitants. Before then, it was 4,000-strong.

Stryde said the community has a lot to offer skilled American workers wanting a quieter life as far from their presidential worst nightmare as possible.

"If we can find a way to help 'em out we'll look at options, if they're coming out of the states we can look at sponsoring them… the town has a lot of property, maybe there's something to look at there," he said. "We're 100 per cent serious. If they're interested in immigrating and want to come up here, we have a lifestyle advantage to offer and we'd welcome them."

HALIFAX

Teen vies for spot on Trudeau council

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A Grade 8 student from the Halifax area is hoping Justin Trudeau will consider allowing people as young as 13 to apply for a spot on the Prime Minister's Youth Council.

Logan Henderson, 13, has a keen interest in government, which he said was piqued more than a year ago.

"I just watched the news, and I liked the political stuff," he said. "It wasn't just an interest at one point, it became a passion. I had to go and advocate for things."

When Trudeau was campaigning last year, Henderson was excited to hear him promise to create a youth council to advise the prime minister on important national issues, but was disappointed to learn it would only consist of youths between the ages of 16 and 24.

"When you're 18 you can run for office, so I don't think it's really fair to those of us who don't have our voices heard right now," Henderson said. "The people that already have their voices heard are getting their voices heard even more."

Logan Henderson METRO

He decided to create an online petition in the hopes of getting his message to Trudeau.

"It is time that we allow all youth to have equal opportunity to at least apply and be considered for the prime minister's youth council," he writes in the petition.

IN BRIEF

Vaping laws on the way
The Liberal government says it will introduce legislation this fall to regulate vaping.

Health Canada says the move will balance the need to protect young people from nicotine addiction while allowing adult smokers to legally buy vaping products and e-cigarettes to help quit smoking or as a potentially less harmful alternative to tobacco. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THIS STINKS Mike McMilan may not have risked his life, but he did risk his scent of his suit. On the way to a meeting with the mayor of Orillia, Ont., McMillan spotted a skunk with its head trapped in a Coke can. "I couldn't leave the animal like that," he told the Washington Post. Eventually freed, the skunk left McMilan skunk-scent free. Visit metronews.ca for the full video. STORY: REBECCA WILLIAMS/ METRO; PHOTOS: YOUTUBE

‘Hateful, spiteful language’

U.S. ELECTION

Women say sexism was on clear display during debate

When Donald Trump challenged Hillary Clinton’s stamina on the debate stage, Pennsylvania voter Patricia Bennett said she heard a “dog whistle” that smacked of unmistakable sexism.

“Why doesn’t he just say that she needs more testosterone?” said Bennett, who plans to vote for Clinton in November.

Across the country, Lisa Lowe, who was lukewarm about Clinton before Monday’s debate, said Trump behaved like a “negative bully.” Kris Stotler, an undecided Virginia Republican, was disappointed by Trump’s jarring criticism of a former beauty queen’s weight, which Clinton condemned during the faceoff.

“It’s incredibly distasteful, and it doesn’t stop,” Stotler said of Trump. “Even if you thought that, why would you say that?”

Bennett, Lowe and Stotler were among two dozen female voters from battleground states who publicly expressed concerns about Trump’s critical and often demeaning comments about women, as well as his approach toward Clinton in the debate.

After Monday’s debate, Clinton’s team believes it has all the ammunition it needs to rally women in the campaign’s closing weeks. That’s due in part to strong execution by Clinton, who arrived at the debate armed with numerous past statements Trump has made about women. She was particularly assertive in calling him out for once labeling 1996 Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado “Miss Piggy” after she gained weight.

But Trump also did himself few favours. He interrupted Clinton repeatedly during the debate, at times leaning into his microphone to declare “wrong!” as she was talking. And he perplexingly stood by his criticism of Machado the morning after the debate, saying in an interview on Fox News Channel that Machado was one of the “worst we ever had” in the beauty contest he used to own.

“She gained a massive amount of weight,” Trump said. “It was a real problem. We had a real problem.”

Clinton’s campaign quickly lined up Machado for a conference call with reporters. The Venezuelan-born Machado, now a U.S. citizen, said she hoped her story would “open eyes” about Trump in the election.

Debby Bower, a 41-year-old Democrat who lives in the Denver suburbs, said Trump’s taunting of the former beauty queen was “painful to my soul.”

“It hurts my heart when I hear the hateful, spiteful language that Mr. Trump uses,” Bower said.

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Donald Trump sneers during his debate with Hillary Clinton on Monday night. Former Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado, once called “Miss Piggy” by Trump because of her weight, campaigns for Clinton in Miami in August. GETTY IMAGES

> **Even if you thought that, why would you say that?**
> Kris Stotler

Trump: I meant to do that

Donald Trump says he was holding back during his debate against Hillary Clinton because he didn’t want to embarrass her.

The Republican presidential nominee addressed Monday night’s debate at length for the first time publicly during a Tuesday evening rally in Melbourne, Fla. He was on his heels for much of the night, but proclaimed victory on Tuesday as he faced rowdy supporters in an airport hangar.

Trump said that Clinton was “stuck in the past” during the debate. He said she defended “the horrible status quo” for the 90-minute debate-stage clash.

He added, “I was also holding back — I didn’t want to do anything to embarrass her.”

He previously said he held back to avoid embarrassing the Clintons’ daughter, Chelsea, who also was in the debate audience.

Trump’s team said he was planning to bring up Bill Clinton’s infidelities during the debate, but changed his mind.

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People who have mentioned that they'd like to punch Martin Shkreli in the face may finally have their chance. The former Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO tweeted out Monday that he's auctioning off the right to "one slap/punch in the face to benefit my friend Mike who passed away & leaves behind a young son who survived cancer." Shkreli came under fire after he jacked up the price of a life-saving AIDS drug by over 5,000 per cent, up to $750 US a pill. REBECCA WILLIAMS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Airlines accused of baggage fee collusion
Air Canada and WestJet are facing a potential class action lawsuit after imposing checked baggage fees only days apart. The proposed class action alleges that the two airlines colluded to impose the fees and have unjustly enriched themselves in the process. "I just thought it was so wrong, what the airline companies were doing," said Lorne Hodel, lead plaintiff of the lawsuit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
ON THE ABORTION PILL

Elon Musk is going to send you to Mars, but the federal government can't figure out how provide a decades-old and long-proven means of providing a basic health-care right within our own borders.

Health Canada has royally botched the handling of a drug key to women's health, and fundamental to their rights, yet again.

But it's only the latest, appalling proof of our sexist, laissez-faire commitment to abortion access.

After taking an incredible 27 years (nearly my lifetime) to approve the abortion pill known as Mifegymiso — and a full 16 years longer than the United States, itself no bastion of abortion rights — Canadians can finally, finally, expect to access the drug early next year.

But it will not be covered by most health plans. In fact, none, except Quebec's, will foot the $300 bill.

To put it into context: On the day Elon Musk announced interplanetary travel "within ten years," Health Canada admits it can't even cover a simple abortion treatment that is already in use in 60 countries around the world and deemed by the World Health Organization to be an essential medicine. Musk is going to send you to Mars, but Health Canada can't figure out how provide the decades-old and long-proven abortion pill within our own borders.

This time, as always, the ministry has an excuse. And, unsurprisingly, it blames a drug company. Celopharma Inc., which will distribute Mifegymiso, has said it can't pay the $72,000 fee for the Common Drug Review, a mandatory requirement for acceptance to provincial health care plans in English Canada. Thus, Ottawa claims its hands are tied.

They are not.

Quebec does such a review for free. Not only that,— it's already home to nearly half of this county's abortion clinics. Think about that. A quarter of Canadian women already have access to half the nation's abortion clinics, and they'll be the only ones able to access the abortion pill under their provincial health care.

It seems clear that French-speaking Canada cares far, far more about reproductive rights than the rest of us.

Health Canada's excuse would be more believable if it hadn't already imposed a series of rules around the abortion pill that doctors have warned could prove prohibitive. The ministry has required doctors to be trained to prescribe the pill, has suggested doctors should physically oversee the first step of administration, and has required doctors themselves to sell the pill.

Even B.C.'s Health Minister called the totality of these rules "onerous" and a risk to patient safety, as reported by the Globe and Mail, which broke the latest news of the $300 price tag.

A Globe editorial called the entire debacle "paternalistic." Dr. Wendy Norman, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research chair in family planning, has dubbed the rules "demeaning."

Without question, they are sexist.

But then, so is the history of abortion access here.

Only this year has P.E.I. been forced to offer abortions in-province through a lawsuit. Only last year did New Brunswick stop forcing women to get two doctors' approval before seeking an abortion. In medical schools across the country, abortion is nearly absent. It's not even mentioned in mandatory lectures at one-third of schools, and there's no standardized curriculum.

That is an outlandish state of affairs given how common abortions are: Nearly one-third of Canadian women have had at least one abortion, according to Norman's own research.

Let's repeat: We have a physician-training system that ignores one of the most unifying procedures in Canadian women's lives. And like all discrimination, this country's sexist abortion laws hurt the remote and less wealthy the most.

Those outside our major urban centres have a much lesser chance of finding an abortion clinic nearby. Those on low incomes will be far less likely to afford the $300 charge. And the situation is only getting worse. In recent years, there's been a "substantial decline" in the number of rural abortion providers, Norman's research has found.

All of this is not the problem of Celopharma Inc. — it's Health Canada's. The pharmaceutical industry doesn't have a duty to protect the rights of Canadian women, and to offer fair and unhindered access to basic health care. Health Canada does.

And Justin Trudeau — who took so much heat and won so much praise for requiring a pro-choice stance within his party — should put our money where his mouth is.

He should demand Health Canada that find a work-around to the review problem. He should demand better access to abortion clinics for women who would chose them.

Doesn't matter what he calls himself — Trudeau's no feminist unless he does.

SIGN SAYS IT ALL A protester brandishes a placard at a pro-choice demonstrators in front of the New Brunswick Legislature in Fredericton in 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Like all discrimination, this country's sexist abortion laws hurt the remote and less wealthy the most.

The personal has gotten political for black athletes

Vicky Mochama
For Metro

We're now through Week 3 of the NFL's regular season, and Colin Kaepernick is still sitting out.

Players from around the NFL have joined the San Francisco 49ers backup quarterback in boycotting the national anthem to protest unpunished police killings.

And on Monday Raptors star DeMar DeRozan and his teammates promised that they, too, plan to speak out against police brutality.

We're witnessing a meeting of politics and sports not seen since the civil rights era.

Some would prefer for sports to stay apolitical. I get it. Spending an entire Sunday watching impossibly large men hit each other for points is my idea of heaven. As an escape from life, football is perfect: there's a winner and a loser and there's a story. Real life doesn't have as many clean resolutions or as many reasons to eat nachos.

Historically, black athletes have tended to stay quiet on social issues. The major exception is the 1960s, when Mohammed Ali could be seen on national TV saying, "We black people, as a whole, are at war, we'll say, with the white power structure" in front of a white audience.

It didn't last. The '80s and '90's were the glory days of see-no-evil-hear-on-evil in pro sports. It wasn't that the athletes stopped caring; it was, in part, because the economic stakes rose. As TV rights, product endorsements and free agency fattened and diversified athletes' incomes, there arose a host of potential conflicts of interest that didn't used to be there. Hence Michael Jordan, the quintessential '80-'90s athlete, saying, "Republicans buy sneakers too." To a community accustomed to poverty, getting rich looks confusingly similar to getting free.

Lately, though, politics have come back to sports The Kaepernick protest and DeRozan announcement represent the culmination of a trend that had been building in recent years, especially in the NBA, the league that kicked out Donald Sterling for racist comments and that pulled the All-Star game from Charlotte after North Carolina passed a trans-phobic law.

The culture seems to be realizing anew that sports *are* real life and that real human beings are involved. In many cities with pro teams, black communities face racist policing. These are often the same police that guard the stadiums. After Bay Area police threatened not work games for Kaepernick's 49ers, Miami police suggested they would not protect Dolphins players who protested. (This is the same PD that planned to boycott a Beyoncé concert. How do racists get such good tickets?)

How can black players leave politics at home even when it literally follows them to work?

For black players, racial politics is built into the game. Sponsors who use their images are discomfited by the sounds of their voices. Their bodies and their rights might not be protected by those tasked to do so, because they used the former to exercise the latter.

A black pro athlete in America is like the first guest to arrive at a party: both a winner and a loser.

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FIGHTING FAKE FOOD SCIENCE WITH MEMES

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My life is a constant battle between wanting to refute pseudo-scientific bull and wanting to have friends.
AND LIVED TO THE RIPE OLD AGE OF
"DIED IN CHILDBIRTH"

Anti-science giants of the Internet like "Food Babe" Vani Hari would have you believe that genetically modified foods are unsafe and dangerous "chemicals" are lurking everywhere. But a group of bloggers and science champions are, sometimes patiently and sometimes with some serious sass, acting as foot soldiers in the fight against food fads that have no basis in fact. **And they're turning their enemies' weapon of choice — social media — against them.** GENNA BUCK/METRO

PRO-SCIENCE MAMA
facebook.com/ProScienceMama

Who's behind it: This prolific meme-maker wants to remain behind her cat avatar, but said she's "an artisan from Finland."

What's your goal?
Education. Many people have told me that they have learned from the things I share, or changed their minds. I want to show people that not all young moms these days turn into anti-vax, modern-medicine-denying, wasting-money-on-organic-food hippies.

I am a mom, I have concerns about my kid as any other parent, but I do know that mommy instincts and gut feelings do not outweigh scientific evidence and reason.

What misinformation makes you the maddest?
I find the most frustrating topics are the ones that have been debunked time and time again, and yet people still keep repeating the same nonsense. The amount of misinformation and lies promoted by alternative health and lifestyle advocates is astonishing. I haven't had a day without a face-palm moment in a while.

What particular food myths do you want to debunk?
Anything considering organic food. Many people still believe that organic food is somehow healthier, more nutritious, pesticide-free, etc. Those are nice fairy tales, but not reality.

What have you learned about how to make debunking work?
It's often impossible to argue with people from the anti-vax or anti-GMO movements because they live so deep in their conspiracy-filled, paranoid world. But it is possible to reach other people who are not so fixed on their ideas. I find it important to keep a cool head. And always back up your claims with sources.

DIET VS. DISEASE
dietvsdisease.org

Who's behind it: Joe Leech, a dietitian from Sydney, Australia, who also makes videos for AuthorityNutrition.com.

What kind of anti-science misinformation infuriates you the most?
Definitely natural cancer "cures" that so many large websites with big followings are sharing. And then there's the anti-GMO movement. There's nothing to suggest GMOs are unsafe, and it's the only way we can create enough food to feed the world.

What food myths would you like to see banished?
Anything manipulative that preys on people's insecurities: It's unethical. Detox products, weight loss pills, strange diets (like the blood type diet and alkaline diet) and lemon water. There are so many stories of people following natural remedies instead of medicine and ending up worse off, or dead.

What have you learned since starting this site?
I've learned that humour works best, or being incredibly helpful and informative. Or better yet, both.

Do you feel that consumers are getting more savvy and science literate?
They're definitely asking more questions.

Do you have a hope of being heard over anti-science heavyweights like the Food Babe?
Absolutely. We can and will compete, it's just a gradual process. We need to observe and understand what those heavyweights do so well. Because that's where scientists have always been lacking, and is the reason pseudo-science has such a strong foothold on social (media).

SCIBABE
scibabe.com

Who's behind it: Former chemist Yvette d'Entremont initially fell for some of the pseudoscience that she now works to debunk.

What's your goal?
To help people recognize the difference between real science and pseudoscience using relatable, funny language. And maybe some d—k jokes.

What food misinformation are you fighting?
People think certain foods are evil (gluten and dairy come to mind), that sugar is toxic (a little is fine, keep it within your caloric allowance and get your veggies first), and that GMOs are hurting the planet (I talk to farmers and scientists about this regularly — just no). If people with access to every type of food are scared into buying something that puts a budgetary strain on them, I'm trying to tell them there's science that says the marketplace is safe.

Are consumers getting more science-savvy?
Consumers have seen enough lawsuits on products like sneakers that claim to give you a nice butt, or herbal pills that promise weight loss. They want to know what they're buying. Does it mean they're more interested in science? I'm not sure if they want the science or the cost savings, but they're getting both.

Have you had any success bringing people over to a scientific point of view?
Rarely does a week go by without an email saying "I used to follow the Food Babe until your writing made me take a closer look." The best letter I ever received was from a father of two who said he started vaccinating his kids after reading my blog.

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Flexibility, creativity key to Persian cuisine

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Naomi Duguid's new cookbook offers 125 meals perfect for fall

Karon Liu
Torstar News Service

There's a mutual nervousness whenever I show a cookbook author a dish I'm making from their book. They're worried the recipe wasn't written clearly enough while I'm worried I didn't do the dish justice.

Either way, when Naomi Duguid looked at the uncooked lamb meatballs I made from her new book Taste of Persia (Thomas Allen & Son, $50), her first observation was the meatballs were too small.

No big deal. She proceeds to smash two of the meatballs to make one hefty, fist-sized kofta ready to be cooked, though she says if I really wanted them smaller, that's my call.

It's this theme of improvisation and flexibility that runs throughout the Taste of Persia.

Persia is a compendium of around 125 recipes Duguid collected, mostly from home cooks, during her half-dozen trips or so to countries in the former Persian Empire: Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kurdistan.

"I want readers to feel a connection to the people of this region, and that's what I always try to do with my books — have that home cooking connection. Then when they read news about Iran they can visualize the kofta and the people behind it."

These delectable koftas can be made ahead of time and kept in the freezer.

Simply add them to boiling broth and simmer for 30 minutes. As the koftas cook, the rice inside aids the absorption of the soup, so have extra water handy in case the pot starts to dry out.

During her travels, Duguid found that every household has a different way of making koftas. Some stuff them with chopped boil eggs rather than dried fruit, others use spices. Try experimenting with different fillings, herbs and spices.

Lahich-Style Kofta Soup

Makes 10 appetizers or 5 generous servings.

Ingredients for the koftas:
- 3 coarsely chopped yellow onions
- 2 lbs ground lamb or beef
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp (10 mL) salt
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground pepper
- 1 cup (250 mL) jasmine or short-grain rice, rinsed and drained
- 2 tsp (10 mL) dried mint or 1/2 cup (125 mL) minced fresh cilantro
- 10-20 dried apricots

Directions for the koftas:

1. In a food processor, pulse onions until a soft mush. Add meat, ginger, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Blend until well incorporated. Transfer to mixing bowl. Add rice and herbs. Knead mixture with hands until well mixed.

2. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight.

3. With moistened hands, form meatballs by scooping 1/2 cup of the meat (or 1/4 cup for smaller koftas) and rolling into a ball. Push a dried apricot into centre of kofta. Roll kofta back into a ball, sealing apricot in centre.

Ingredients for the soup:
- Water, for boiling tomato
- 1 large tomato
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) sunflower or olive oil
- 1 grated yellow onion
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric
- 4 cups (1 L) water
- 1 cup (250 mL) canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 4 to 5 medium-sized red potatoes, peeled and roughly cut into cubes
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh cilantro or mint leaves, for garnish

Directions for the soup:

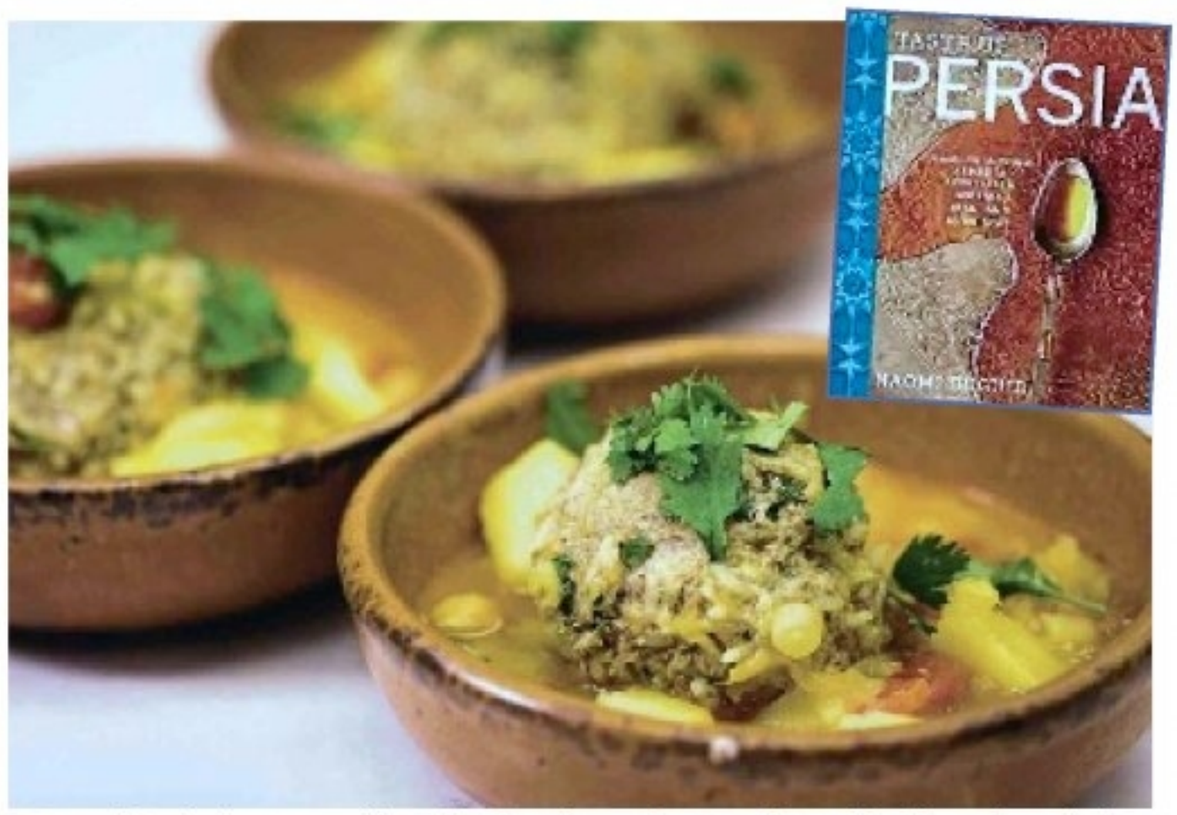
1. In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water to a rapid boil. Score an "x" on bottom of tomato. Submerge tomato into water and let boil for 30 seconds. Drain and submerge tomato in a bowl of cold water. Peel and dice tomato into small chunks. Set aside.

2. In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Sauté onion and turmeric until fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes. Add tomato and cook for three minutes. Add water, turn heat up to medium-high and bring to a boil for 2 minutes.

3. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add chickpeas and continue to simmer for 20 minutes.

4. Bring liquid back to a roaring boil. Add potatoes and a few meatballs, do not overcrowd pot. Cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until koftas are cooked.

5. Remove koftas with a ladle and cook remaining koftas, adding additional water if too much liquid evaporates. Divide koftas, potatoes and soup into serving bowls. Garnish with herbs, if using. Serve immediately.



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How to find your career focus

When you're young, looking toward the future and exploring career options, it can often be overwhelming. And though it can feel like everyone else has it figured out, the truth of the matter is that career planning is an individual process.

"Sometimes it can appear to be a very mysterious process. We all know someone who has known what they wanted to do since Grade Four," explained Shirin Khamisa, a career counsellor and founder of Careers by Design Coaching. "The rest of us are stumbling along."

And the idea that you can predict what the future's job needs are is folly.

"Nobody can really accurately predict the job market," she said. "The world is changing faster than it was in the '80s and '90s. One thing that's helpful when looking at opportunities is to consider fit and strengths.

"The best way to start the process is to ensure you're working with someone knowledgeable in career development."

Mark Franklin, practice leader and president of CareerCycles, and co-founder of OneLifeTools, said it's important to remember that there's no one key determinant for career planning, but rather it's a combination of multiple factors.

"It's really crucial not to put too much pressure on 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'" he said. "Focus on examining promising and inspiring future possibilities, and have them guide your course selection and post-secondary education. That way you can keep several doors open."

Franklin said he suggests looking at six key elements — the answers to which can help guide your decisions."

"An effective model is one that's 'wholistic' and takes into consideration six key elements: other people's perspectives [including parents]; desires — what do you want to do and what kind of lifestyle you want to lead; strengths and skills; personality; interests and natural inclinations; and assets — what do you bring with you," he said. "Making decisions that take into consideration all those elements can lead to promising possibilities."

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Redeploy skills, strengths in new job

Some people know when a career change is coming. For others, it can be forced upon them. Regardless of how it happens, it's important to take time to reflect upon next steps.

"I'd like to put in a plug for reflection upon experience," explained Mark Franklin, practice leader and president of CareerCycles, and co-founder of OneLifeTools. "Sometimes change happens because you chose it; sometimes it chooses you.

"How can you redeploy your skills and strengths? What are the skills you like to use and what do you want to do?"

Alan Kearns, career coach and founder of CareerJoy, said that those in the midst of a mid-career change need to evaluate not only their personal state, but also the state of the job market in their area.

"Two things: what makes you tick, and in a competitive market, what are your transferrable skills and assets," he said. "In the geographic area what is aligned with your experience and are realistically an option."

Kearns also added that people should discuss these issues with their family. Perhaps relocation could be on the table in search of better job opportunities. "Talk to your family about different options," he said.

Many people focus on the financial right away when dealing with job change, but for Shirin Khamisa, a career counsellor and founder of Careers by Design Coaching, there's also important mental and emotional considerations of which people must be aware.

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"It's a big moment for people and it's a kind of change that can be difficult. If we've been doing work for a long time, it becomes part of our identity," she said, adding that can be put into question after a job loss. "They're not sure where they stand anymore. There's a lot of stress and anxiety."

"Ensure you have good coping skills and learning strategies."

Franklin also recommended that people turn to the professionals for help. For some reason, those seeking career advice tend to look to less professional sources of support, but a career counsellor can make all the difference.

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With divisions that concentrate on temporary or permanent staffing as well as a special division solely devoted to the technology industry, Destinationone Consulting is also able to ensure job seekers are paired with recruiters who speak the language of their particular industry.

"The technology sector in B.C. is huge, that is why we have a purely tech division," says Khairah. "Our recruiters in that division are people with a technology background themselves because only a tech expert can understand what someone needs to get the job they want in that very specialized field."

According to Khairah, Destinationone sends out 60 to 100 people daily for temporary positions alone. It currently finds permanent and temporary placements for its job seekers at 120 organizations, including marketing and technology company Monark Group, food manufacturing companies such as International Herbs Ltd., and technology company Kater.com, which provides vehicle owners with access to a network of tested and verified chauffeurs.

But Destinationone isn't just about helping you put your best foot forward when presenting you to potential employers, says Khairah. The company stays engaged long after the words, "You're hired."

"We are involved with negotiations and walking the person through all the steps of their new job," he says. "We also stay in touch with anyone we place as they adjust to their new environment and conduct weekly, biweekly and monthly follow-ups. Job transition can be a sensitive time so we want to make sure it is a win-win for everyone involved."

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These days, education doesn't end once you finish school and enter the job market. For people who want to make the most out of their careers, continuing education is a life-long path towards self-improvement.

"I would say more than ever that it's pretty much become a fact that continuing education is expected or demanded in career progression," explained Alan Kearns, career coach and founder of CareerJoy. "You can't afford to let the market drive your career; you have to drive your career in the market."

The pace of an ever-changing job market is also a key motivator for people who want to ensure they stay ahead of the curve.

"It's extremely important to ensure skills and knowledge of your profession is up to date," explained Shirin Khamisa, a career counsellor and found of Careers by Design Coaching. "There's a fast rate of change with technology and the globalized market."

There's an ancillary benefit — beyond remaining viable in your career — for those currently employed continuing to further their education.

"When you're engaged in learning in your career you are often happier in your work and are doing better," Khamisa said.

Continuing education doesn't necessarily signal that you want to leave your current company or position. In fact, it's fast becoming an expectation for those entering the job market, and offering continuing education can help organizations attract and retain talent.

"More and more millennials are looking for career development as part of a career package," added Mark Franklin, practice leader and president of CareerCycles, and co-founder of OneLifeTools. "It doesn't mean you want to leave — you want to grow and develop in the company. For employers, a key strategy for retention is to offer career development in the organization."

Khamisa added that while formal education is important, it's also increasingly valuable for people to explore non-traditional forms of intelligence in their career development.

"These days to perform well and have career longevity you need to develop multiple intelligences, including emotional intelligence," she said, adding that many are exploring courses in self-management — techniques and tools to help manage one's response to a challenge, stress, or a conflict at work.

Continuing education can take the form of formal designations through post-secondary educations, organizations, and associations. There are also a number of on-line courses and programs available. And there's also plenty of opportunity to do self-guided learning, exploring blogs, the writing of industry leaders, and reviewing trade publications.

"There is so much opportunity for continuing education — all leading colleges and universities offer programs," Franklin said. "We do live in an era of the internet and very accessible information."

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Out of Scion's ashes, Toyota 86 rises

REVIEW

The 86 is built with driving enjoyment in mind

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Like a Hellcat in the rain, Toyota's Scion failed to gain traction.

It wasn't, however, for a lack of enjoyable and affordable products, with a handful of solid offerings throughout the youth-oriented brand's lineup, including the FR-S coupe. It was back to the basics in a market flooded with anything but; an honest-to-goodness sports car in the purest sense. So as the death knell tolls for Scion, the FR-S lives on, rebadged as the 2017 Toyota 86.

As one of only three Scion models to be salvaged, the 86, née FR-S, gets a fistful of new goodies as part of its welcome to the Toyota lineup. Slight styling enhancements, including redesigned front and rear fascias, LED lighting all around, and a new 17-inch wheel design, while changes to the interior include a smaller steering wheel and synthetic suede trim.

Mechanically, the 86 gets a few minor tweaks, including revised spring rates and shock tuning, standard hill-start assist regardless of transmission choice to keep the car from rolling backwards, and new intake and exhaust manifold designs. And, like the Subaru BRZ with which the 86 shares its platform, manual versions of the 2.0-litre boxer four-cylinder-powered coupe get a modest five horsepower increase, and a boost in the torque department.

The 86 was built with the basics of driving enjoyment in mind. Brute power is not necessary to have fun in the Toyota 86, and so brute power isn't part of the package. Even with the slight bump in output, the car is the least powerful in its segment by a long shot. But that doesn't mean it isn't fun; quite the contrary, actually.

The 86 may lack power, but it makes up for it by being light. With a suspension setup that is neither too soft nor too stiff, the car can be tossed into a corner with little recoil, the thick sway bars keeping body roll to a minimum, the car poised for the next turn. Even with track mode engaged — and with it traction control turned off — the 86 offers plenty of road-hugging ability.

And then there are the transmissions. Both six-speeds, Toyota says the take rate on the automatic compared to the manual is about 60/40, which means 60 percent of buyers are missing out on almost 100 per cent of the fun. Sure, it doesn't take all the enjoyment out of the drive, but it definitely saps most of it, feeling unwilling to co-operate at times despite its rev-matching ways.

The Scion brand may be dead, but its youthful essence is alive and well in the 2017 Toyota 86. Sure, the fanboys and girls will complain about the lack of a turbocharged engine, but the coupe hits a sports car sweet spot that few others can match.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA 86

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0L flat four-cylinder
Power: 205 hp, 156 lb-ft (manual)
Transmission: Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 11.3 city, 8.3 hwy (manual)
Price: Starts at $31,270 (destination included)

LOVE IT

- Responsive handling
- Balanced ride
- Turn-key fun factor

LEAVE IT

- Automatic transmission
- Soft clutch feel
- Outdated center stack

INNOVATION

'Blasphemous' auto trends that people end up loving

Jodi Lai
AutoGuide.com

Sometimes, automakers come out with a new car or technology that is a hit, while other times, traditionalists will whine and complain and go so far as to call these changes "blasphemous" … and then end up buying it anyway. Here are a few major changes that got a lot of hate, but ended up being huge successes.

SUVs from Sports Car Makers

Believe it or not, there was a time when sports car makers only made sports cars. That changed with the crossover boom, and when Porsche came out with the Cayenne in 2002, for example, enthusiasts were up in arms about how the German automaker was selling out and said it would lead to the company's demise. They said a Porsche SUV was blasphemous and that they would boycott it. The Cayenne quickly went on to become the brand's best-selling model, outselling the 911 by a huge margin and spawning the smaller and popular Macan.

Hybrid/Electric Sports Cars

Hybrids and green cars used to be thought of as transportation for granola-eating tree-huggers, so people generally thought hybrid/electric sports cars would make too many compromises and would ultimately fail. However, Tesla has proven that electric cars don't have to be boring or slow, and hypercars like the LaFerrar proved that hybridization can be used to bolster performance.

Turbocharged Muscle Cars

It can be argued that muscle car admirers hang on to their traditions with more force than any other group of enthusiasts.

They want naturally aspirated, big-displacement, rear-wheel-drive cars that are fast in a straight line and they have historically been resistant to change.

Fast forward to today where consumers can now buy Camaros and Mustangs with turbocharged four-cylinder engines, and a Dodge Challenger with a supercharger.

People were up in arms over the Porsche Cayenne when it came out in 2002, but it quickly became the company's best selling model. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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Tesla's 'enhanced safety requirement'

TECHNOLOGY

Update improves autopilot system

Tesla is forcing its drivers to take the wheel following a software update aimed at improving the safety of the automaker's Autopilot system. In what the automaker is calling an "enhanced safety requirement," the car's computer will disable Autosteer if the driver "ignores repeated warnings" and won't allow the system to be reengaged until the car is parked. Tesla didn't say how many warnings the system would provide the driver before disabling the system. The changes to the self-steering system are part of a larger software update that emphasizes the use of radar over cameras when Tesla's semi-autonomous Autopilot system is engaged. DAN ILIKA/FOR METRO

WHEELS ROUNDUP

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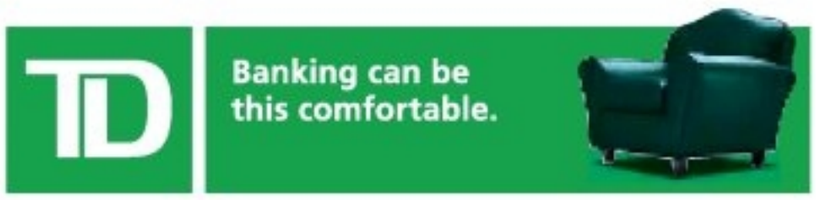

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"I'm not sure there's any prospect of progress being made": NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly on NHL participation at the 2018 Winter Olympics

NBA

Raps don't care for your expectations

Funny thing, expectations. They are often external, as in the case of this year's Toronto Raptors, who began the real work of training camp Tuesday in Vancouver weighed down by the goals set for them by others.

They know what the whispers are, that they have to at least match last year's magical run to the NBA's Eastern Conference final, that the 56-win regular season is a benchmark many will expect them to match, that the season will somehow be a failure if there isn't some sort of progression from a year ago.

> **To me expectations in sports is winning; that's the mandate in sports.**
> President Masai Ujiri

They know what the whispers are and they ignore them.

There are teams in the Eastern Conference who may be greatly improved over last season, and the Raptors know they survived two do-or-die Game 7s during the best playoff run in franchise history. They are under no illusions that they will automatically reach the levels of last season.

"We know what it takes to get there but we still have to start from the bottom," veteran guard Kyle Lowry said during the team's media day. "We have to work on this, and make sure we get this and build up our team.

"We're going to go through ups, we're going to go through downs, but at the end of the day, it's the NBA season, it's a marathon. For us, we have to be the best team we can be whenever the regular season ends, and get to the playoffs and go from there." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada's Brent Burns collides with Team Europe's Thomas Vanek in Toronto on Tuesday night. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Advantage Canada

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Red and white can raise trophy with win on Thursday night

FINAL Game 1

3	1
CANADA	EUROPE

Dominance it was not, but Team Canada still did enough to capture Game 1 of the World Cup of Hockey final.

Carey Price made 32 saves and the top line of Sidney Crosby, Brad Marchand and Patrice Bergeron chipped in with two more goals as Canada beat Europe 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Steven Stamkos scored the eventual game-winner, with Marchand and Bergeron also finding the back of the net.

"It wasn't our best. I think we realize that. At this time of the tournament, a win's a win so that's a good thing," said Stamkos. "But I thought in the third period, we played better, with some purpose and some determination and our style of game. So hopefully we can build on that."

The opener lacked the intensity, emotion or inherent tension that the race for a medal at the Olympics offers. The game had more of the feel of an exhibition match than the final of a top international tournament. There was no pushing and shoving between whistles or apparent verbal sniping between the two benches.

Canada didn't dominate like it had previously.

Some of that was resistance from Europe, a concept team that's unlikely to return for future World Cups. They offered what's become a standard fight in the first game of perhaps their only final appearance, limiting Canada's chances while generating more than a few of their own.

It was testament to the overwhelming talent disparity between the two teams that Canada grabbed a 2-0 lead after the first.

The Europeans were actually the better team through 20 minutes. They outshot the Canadians 13-9, sustained lengthy stints in the offensive zone and even had the best early chance of the game, a Tomas Tatar shot in tight that was denied by Price.

But Canada capitalized on its chances as a team with this much firepower often does.

Europe scored its only goal when Dennis Seidenberg sent a shot from the sideboards through a maze of traffic, the deflected attempt was found by Tatar, who slipped a shot past Price to make it 2-1 in the second period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER

Whitecaps out for sweep of group

The Vancouver Whitecaps find themselves with a foot in a pair of parallel universes.

In one universe, a dark cloud hovers over the club as hopes of advancing to the Major League Soccer playoffs have all but wilted. Vancouver has mustered just one win against six losses in the last 11 matches.

In the other, things are bright as Vancouver has clinched a spot in the CONCACAF Champions League quarter-final playoffs. The Whitecaps hope to improve their second-round seeding with a win over Central FC of Trinidad and Tobago Wednesday night at BC Place Stadium.

The lineup the Whitecaps have put on the pitch may have varied, but veteran defender Jordan Harvey said the players have taken the same attitude into every game.

"There is no unimportant games," Harvey said. "Every game we go into we are looking to win. Whether it's Champions League or MLS, there is motivation for every game." THE CANADIAN PRESS

LAST MEETING

Vancouver defeated Central FC 1-0 back on Aug. 2 in Trinidad and Tobago.

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1	7	3	5	2	8	4	6	9
9	8	6	4	1	3	2	5	7

IN BRIEF

Watt injured again: Source
J.J. Watt has re-injured his back, according to a person familiar with his condition, and the Houston Texans expect the star defensive end to be sidelined until at least December.
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Leicester top Porto
Islam Slimani kept up his hot streak against Porto by scoring Leicester's first-half goal in a 1-0 win in the Champions League on Tuesday, maintaining the English champs' perfect start to Group G. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wild-card chasing Blue Jays top Orioles

MLB

Toronto now two games up on Baltimore in first spot

Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer and Aaron Sanchez pitched six solid innings as the Toronto Blue Jays downed the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 on Tuesday in a matchup of American League wild-card holders.

Ezequiel Carrera hit a solo shot and added another RBI for the Jays (87-70), who extended their lead for the first AL wild card to two games over Baltimore.

Sanchez (14-2) allowed one run on five hits with two walks and 10 strikeouts to improve to 4-0 in five starts versus the Orioles. The right-hander struck out five of the first six batters he faced and four straight to open the game.

Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson watches his two-run home run leave the yard. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

TUESDAY In Toronto

BLUE JAYS	ORIOLES
5	1

Roberto Osuna gave up back-to-back base hits to lead off the ninth but escaped the jam.

Mark Trumbo drove in a run for the Orioles (85-72).

Kevin Gausman (8-12) allowed five runs, four earned, on seven hits and two walks while striking out five.

Troy Tulowitzki was 2 for 4 with two doubles for Toronto while Jose Bautista failed to reach base for the first time in 34 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MORE BASEBALL

Mariners 4, Astros 3
The Mariners are two games back of Baltimore after Robinson Cano hit his second homer of the game with two outs in the 11th inning, lifting the Seattle to the win in Houston.

Yankees 6, Red Sox 4
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RECIPE Pumpkin Pasta with Ricotta and Sage

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For Metro Canada

Don't let lattes have all the pumpkin fun, try fall's all-star veg in this creamy, delicious pasta.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500 g pasta
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 shallots, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh chopped sage, plus more for garnish
- 1/4 cup ricotta
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup chicken broth
- fresh grated nutmeg to taste
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish

Directions
1. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Once the pasta has reached al dente, reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water and drain the rest.
2. While your pasta is cooking, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the shallots, garlic and sage and cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the ricotta, pumpkin purée, chicken broth, nutmeg and a pinch of salt; stir until combined.
3. Stir in the pasta and coat with the sauce. Add reserved pasta water to thin the sauce to desired consistency. Mix in the Parmesan cheese.
4. Serve the pasta with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese and chopped sage.

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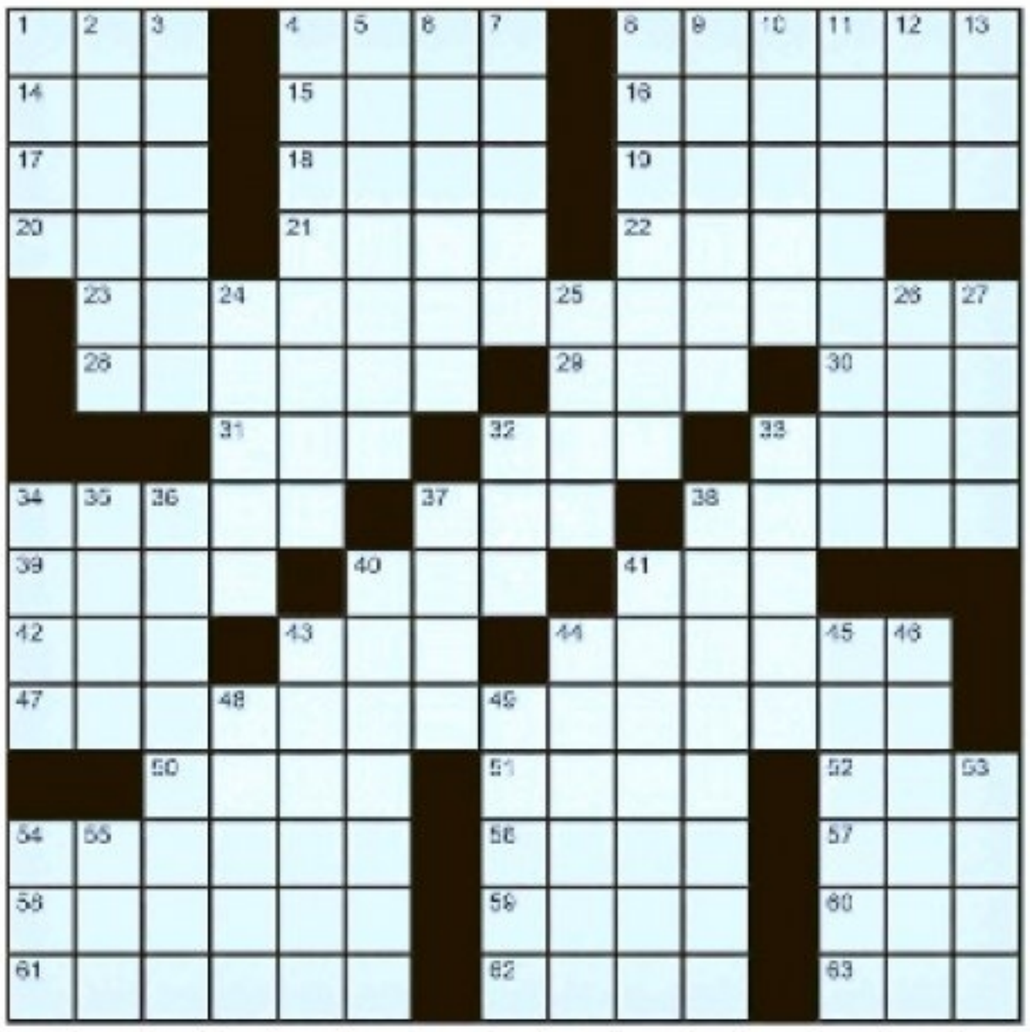

ACROSS
1. Universal principle
4. "_ Las Vegas" (1964)
8. Green-on-copper
14. MLB official
15. '70s superheroine ancient Egyptian goddess TV series
16. Sounded off
17. Spelling contest
18. Missing laundry item
19. Like a deposited river
20. Ms. Jillian
21. Whodunit board game
22. Mr. Meyers
23. Celebrated Cambridge couple currently in Canada: 3 wds.
28. Enemy of ancient Athens
29. "_ _ Mine" by The Beatles
30. Fluffy scarf
31. Actress Charlotte
32. Physicians, puny-ly
33. Vera of fashion design
34. Model of perfection
37. Green gunk
38. Cleaning cloth's characteristic
39. Pinball infraction
40. Boo-_
41. Tina of comedy
42. Nightfall
43. Soup sort
44. Inclines
47. As per #23-Across... _ _ of Yukon History (Stop in Whitehorse today ...More at #50-Across!)
50. As per #23-Across and #47-Across... Royal _ of Canada
51. Turns to compost
52. Floor covering
54. Officer in "A Few Good Men" (1992)
56. Merle Haggard's "_ from Muskogee"
57. US medicine watchdog
58. X- and Y- in math class
59. Shelters
60. Baby bird's birthplace
61. School break
62. Work units
63. Actor, Billy _ Williams

DOWN
1. Orchestra standout
2. Makes right
3. Divulge the details: 2 wds.
4. Intuitive
5. Sequester
6. Llama-like woolly animal
7. Called for
8. Arboreal marsupials
9. For each one
10. Farmland
11. A sure thing: 3 wds.
12. Society pages word
13. What a calculator can do
24. Gold measurement, variantly
25. "White Flag" songstress
26. "Your _" by Elton John
27. Like a herbalist's advice?
32. Bovine's bellow!
33. Garth's Canadian-created pal in movies
34. Newspaper piece
35. Prima donna
36. 'E' of GE
37. Incite
38. Appraise anew
40. Paris Hilton, for one
41. Grooves in architectural columns
43. Trims
44. Cigarettes purchaser
45. Covered in sods, like the yard
46. Eyeliner error
48. Idaho's capital
49. Wear, weather-style
53. _ Park, in Hamilton
54. Scratch
55. Tree tool

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Confusion at work might get you in trouble with an authority figure today. To be safe, double-check all of your work before you show it to others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Perhaps because of this, some kind of confusion will create a problem. Make sure you know what's happening.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Family discussions might be stressful today. You can't please everyone. Don't be dishonest to avoid conflict, because it will only make things worse.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might second-guess yourself today because you're not sure about something. Unfortunately, a boss at work won't like this. Tread carefully!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Be careful how you handle financial matters today, because some kind of confusion or deceit is possible. This especially applies to social situations, sports events and dealing with children.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Life is hard today; it's just one of those things. Fortunately, it's temporary and will be gone in 24 hours. Therefore, don't be discouraged. Stay calm and carry on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One reason there might be some confusion in your life today is because someone is not telling the truth. If you think something looks suspicious, it is.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Relations with a friend or a member of a group are strained today, possibly because of money matters or a possession you own. Make sure you have your facts right.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a poor day to ask a boss or parent for a favour or approval. Postpone this kind of thing for another day. Hard work is your best choice today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do not be cocky in matters related to politics, religion or racial issues today. Something you don't know about could blindside you. If you're not sure about something, stay silent. Assume nothing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Double-check all financial matters and negotiations dealing with shared property, inheritances and jointly held possessions.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have to accommodate others today. Nevertheless, make sure everything is above board and on the up and up, because something is fishy.

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